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once again makes a tremendous point for an amendment that I'm going to be offering later on LB 425, and one that we discussed earlier on General File, why this body can't turn its back on direct care staff of providers and services for persons with developmental disabilities. And I've been listening to the arguments on these last three or four bills, I want to thank all of you for making a tremendous point. And I'll be expecting all of your votes, obviously, on the amendment that I'll be offering. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Beutler. And this will be your third time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, thank you. I want to just give you a picture, a little more information that will perhaps shape your view of what's happening here, to some extent. But all of this suggestion first came from the bill LB 716, which I think at one point was scheduled for General File debate. Here's what LB 716 did. This is the job training bill that now supposedly is put into the existing program. And you had described before, for you earlier, what the existing program does, but here's what Senator Engel's bill provided in the first instance. First of all, it anticipated that \$25 million a year in custom job training assistance would be the goal in what is needed, but the way it went about this, it created what's called Advantage Nebraska Workforce Training Institute. It actually envisioned a training institute within the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of operating a custom job training and education program to provide quick and effective job training to workers. And then it went on to say this institute may utilize the programs offered by postsecondary technical schools, community colleges, and other educational institutions, giving the idea that the institute would work through the community colleges. It provides that the institute shall have adequate staff and resources to administer the program. Then it goes on to say that the institute may enter into agreements with postsecondary technical schools, community colleges, other institutional...education institutions, and Nebraska employers to provide custom training needed for